

# The Rosetta Stone

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## *Return to sender*

SSgt. Chad Hartley, 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force postmaster, sifts through recently received mail at Cairo West, looking for suspicious packages. Hartley and A1C Hope Snead, 9th ASETF mail processing specialist, check newly received mail daily outside the base to ensure airmen don't receive packages that may be harmful to them or other airmen.



Photo by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

## Proud to have served

**By Col. J.C. Dodson**  
75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group commander

This is our final newsletter and my last opportunity to thank each of you for your outstanding performance and continuous pursuit of excellence.

The success we've en-

joyed under the most demanding of circumstances is something that each of you should be proud of. Your commitment to the mission has been unwavering and the creative energy that you've shown has been absolutely inspiring to me.

We all have many memories from this deployment. Our time

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## Briefs

### Commander's Kudos

Congratulations to the people who received a commander's coin from Col. J.C. Dodson, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group commander, this week for outstanding performance.

SrA. **Matthew Heifner**, Tanker Airlift Control Element

SSgt. **John McGee**, TALCE

SSgt. **Michael St. John**, TALCE

TSgt. **Jerry McCall**, TALCE

SSgt. **Oscar Aragon**, TALCE

1st Lt. **David Kendall**, TALCE

MSgt. **Stefon Jubar**, 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

MSgt. **Michael Poland**, 75th ECS

A1C **Harley Teets**, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

A1C **Kristyl Bortkewicz**, 822nd ESFS

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## Taking on everything coming their way

# 75th ECS keeps on producing

**By Capt. Joseph Gallahan**  
75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander

If you're looking for an example of a total team effort with the focus being on the greater good of the total population and not just looking out for number one ... look no further than the 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.

From the beginning, you, the men and women of the 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, have overcome huge obstacles that would certainly have made others fail, and still gave of yourselves to serve Cairo West better. To begin, you were called upon by the Air Combat Command at the eleventh hour to fill in for the 5th Combat Communications Group when they couldn't answer the call for Bright Star 01 just one month prior to its' start. As one of two on-call Air Expeditionary Wings, you were scheduled to end your four-month on-call period July 31. The first sign of "service before self" was stepping up to the plate and accepting the challenge to deploy during your downtime window.

When you arrived on the ground Sept. 5 with 37 personnel, 20 of them were without luggage due to manifest and airline difficulties in Atlanta. The second sign of service before self came when every member of the unit worked 16- to 18-hour days to get communications up despite having no personal bags. Personal bags finally arrived 19 days later. None complained! You simply did your jobs and then some.

Some of the additional things you supplied Qui Web through proactive and creative engineering included engineering a special cable to make movie nights possible, getting a satellite dish and receiver for the giant screen tele-

vision in the Community Activities Center, hosting the disc jockey night, developed the intranet web site, developed webmail so every member of this camp could have e-mail capability, made weekly commander's calls possible, and of course ensured every work center had telephone, internet, e-mail, and radio capability despite the complex terrain and diverse layout of the camp.

As if that weren't enough, you forged ahead when the dirty details surfaced and others were not so willing to step up. You built six living tents when your fair share was four. You escorted local nationals in the K-SPAN for the first 10 days of operations when no one else would. You provided all eight bodies for the baggage detail to clear the Mena House. You provided seven Expeditionary Security Forces augmentees when your fair share was four, giving our defenders the break they deserved. You provided a detail person everyday when your fair share was far less. You provided four bodies for the trash detail to clean for the coalition distinguished guest visit — and you performed all workgroup manager functions for every organization throughout Qui Web.

Your contributions went well beyond communications support. Whenever I challenged you to assist this camp, you exceeded my expectations. You did all this and still supported Beni Suef despite reducing our footprint an additional 10 percent after Sept. 11 by canceling four additional personnel slated for that support. You exemplify the Air Force core values and truly have put service before self by serving all members of Qui Web in every conceivable fashion.

As your commander, it has been my pleasure and an honor to lead a team of dedicated professionals like yourselves. I salute you all for a job well done!



Left, A1C Joshua Searcy, 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, builds a radio antenna atop Comm Hill, the highest point in Cairo West. Below, A1C Dexter Huggins, 75th ECS, assists in building the 75th ECS Help Desk tent. 75th ECS developed an intranet web site, webmail so every member of the camp could have e-mail capability, made weekly commander's calls possible, and ensured every work center had telephone, internet, e-mail, and radio capability.



Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski



# Seventy airmen from dozen different bases become one **75th ESS** leaves their mark

By Capt. John Nowak  
75th Expeditionary Support Squadron  
commander

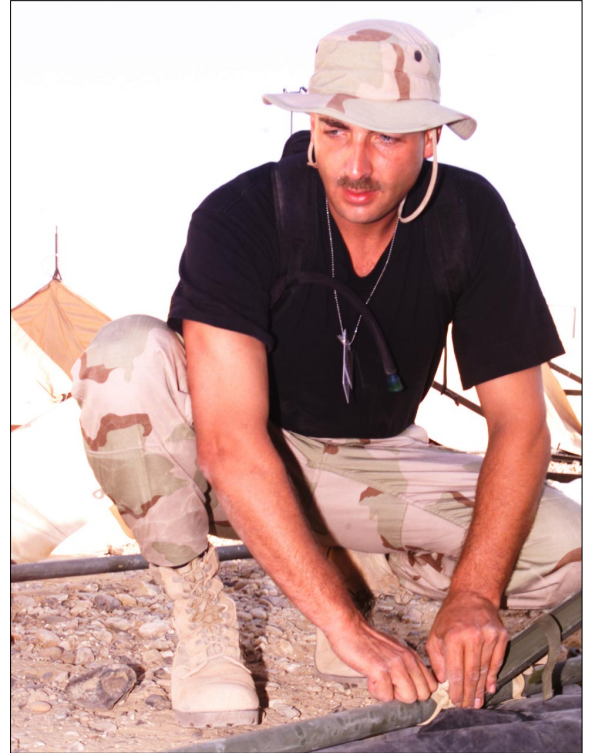
What an amazing achievement you, the men and women of the 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron, have all been apart of. To put it mildly I am simply in awe of what you have accomplished. Over the past 60 days, you 70 professionals from more than a dozen different bases have come together to form a team that has without a doubt accomplished every mission laid before you.

When we arrived at sunny Qui Web well over two months ago, there was nothing here but a road and a lot of well made plans. Since that time you have successfully in-processed in excess of 1,600 Bright Star participants through the Joint Reception Center and maintained accountability of more than 1,000 personnel moving between five different locations. You built and maintained a 9-1 Harvest Falcon Dining Facility from which you served more than 120,000 hot meals. You helped build more than 133 Temper tents and billeted more than 1,000 Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine personnel in them. You provided for 24-hour fitness and recreational support, developed and executed the finest Sports Day in the area of responsibility and made available 24-hour morale phones and email to all our guests. You should all feel proud! No one impacts base morale like the 75th ESS.

When world events sent us spiraling into Force Protection Condition Delta, you never batted an eye. You willingly put on your web gear, grabbed your C-bags and continued to do your job in the professional manner for which you have become known.

At some point we have all questioned our contribution to the mission. At Cairo West, everything you have done has positively impacted the mission of Bright Star; this exercise is a success because you were so much a part of it. You can all hold your heads high and tell your co-workers and loved ones back home that yes, I was over there and we kicked ass!

Now that we're all going our separate ways and heading back home only to possibly prepare to redeploy, all I can say is thank you. I've learned more than I bargained for. It has truly been a pleasure to serve with you and I salute you.



Clockwise from top: SSgt. Dave Kiernan, 75th ESS inprocesses SSgt. Ray Rice, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. The 75th ESS inprocessed more than 1,600 Bright Star participants throughout the exercise. MSgt. Douglas Mills, 75th ESS, helps build tents. As part of the ADVON team, 75th ESS and the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron were responsible for building 85 percent of tent city. A1C Jeffery McGee, 75th ECS, takes orders for laundry. Airmen not only had the opportunity to do their own laundry, but the 75th ESS stood up a tent that airmen could drop off their laundry to be cleaned by a contractor.



Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski



*They're everywhere, for everyone*

# 822nd ESFS sets the bar



Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

SSgt. Felipe Acosta, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, loads the 50-caliber machine gun outside one of the entry control points. Right, an 822nd ESFS airman checks identification at an entry control point. The identification check is just one way the 822nd ESFS deters aggressors from harming Tent City, K-SPAN and flightline personnel.

By Maj. John Hursey  
822nd Expeditionary Security  
Forces Squadron commander

I want to give my appreciation and thanks for a job well done to the men and women of the 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

You have raised the bar of excellence for expeditionary force protection to a level never before achieved. The United States Central Command Deputy Commander in Chief, Egyptian Air Force Chief of Staff, Director Joint Rear Area Coordination Center, and the Bright Star Force

Protection Vulnerability Assessment Team all said this was the best force protection operation they have ever seen.

Certainly the physical security barriers, sensors, and procedures were awesome, but what really set us apart was the professionalism of the people in this unit. You worked endless days without rest; conquered numerous cultural barriers; suffered through extreme desert heat in full battle gear; and made Cairo West Air Base the safest place in Egypt. I hope that each of you are as proud of your accomplishments as I am proud to have been your commander.



MSgt. David Montano, 822nd ESFS, patrols around Cairo West on his four-wheeler. Cops used a wide variety of vehicles to patrol the grounds, from humvees to walking ESFS personnel are everywhere airmen look.



## Proud,

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here has been an emotional roller coaster ride.

We first experienced great pride and excitement as we arrived in Egypt ready for new challenges away from our home duty stations. Then, the tragedy of Sept. 11 occurred and changed our lives forever. We suddenly found ourselves in a far away land, with limited communications, reacting with sorrow to the tragedy at home and the genuine threat that more terror might come our way.

Everyone stood fast with our Egyptian allies and rapidly created an environment that was regarded as the most secure and safe place in the country.

You completed our defensive measures and our entire base support structure in record-breaking time. You did this with 40 percent fewer troops than had ever attempted such a feat – an incredible accomplishment under the most demanding environment imaginable.

Later that week, we remembered those who'd lost their lives as we raised our flag in partnership with our host nation as a symbol that our nation's colors truly "don't run."

We then got the "go-ahead" for BRIGHT STAR 01/02 and you stepped up to the challenge.

We continued to increase our base population and enjoy the mail or telephone calls from our loved ones that assured us they were "okay" at home.

You further refined operations at our two 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group bases and rapidly responded to

the urgent needs of on-going contingency aircraft that required our special capabilities.

Our flying squadrons arrived and, despite rapidly changing missions, completed our flight operations safely and with an expertise that made us proud. We finally began our redeployment operations – no one ever gave up their intensity and pursuit of excellence that had become our trademark since first setting foot in the sand. You finished as champions!

At my first commander's call, I challenged each of you to "make a difference" and "contribute to someone else's life" as part of this deployment. You've succeeded!

My experience with you has made me a better commander and, more importantly, a better person – thank you.

You came here from 73 different bases and formed an unparalleled team of professionals – I would serve with you anywhere. You proved, on a daily basis, the power of unity and the shared sense of purpose signified by our motto – "one mission, one coalition." You've truly served as outstanding Americans and shown the values and spirit that make our country what it is.

It's been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your commander. Thank you for your service, integrity and excellence on this deployed operation and for all you do on behalf of our nation as men and women in uniform.

May God Bless You and the United States of America!



## Awards,

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SrA. **Michael Soares**, 822nd ESFS  
 TSgt. **Patrick Ansel**, 822nd ESFS  
 TSgt. **Kent Faus**, 822nd ESFS  
 2nd Lt. **James Couch**, 822nd ESFS  
 MSgt. **Barbara Pritchard**, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron  
 Sgt. **Chales Wiegand**, 75th ESS  
 MSgt. **Brian Ellis**, 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron  
 MSgt. **Medgar Rose**, 75th ECES  
 TSgt. **Jonathan Zimmerman**, 75th ECES  
 MSgt. **Jerry Moore**, 822nd ESFS

## Papyrus

Col. Jeffery Dodson, 75th AEG commander, presented the following individuals Papyrus Certificates in the past week.

TSgt. **Kevin Robinson**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Willie Moody**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Robert Wombles**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **James Forcella**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Shaft Jacobs**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Jason Lennon**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Levi Plant**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Robert Powers**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Joneil Del Rosario**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Van Grant**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Dameon Simmons**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Crystal Medina**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Elise Weaver**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Robert Sanders**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Travis Kittrell**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Bradley Kai**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Debra Ammons**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Sarah Smith**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Shawn Stoddard**, 822nd ESFS  
 Amn. **Patrick Araujo**, 822nd ESFS

## Promotions

Congratulations to the airmen have been who were promoted in the past week.

**Pat Poon**, Tanker Airlift Control Element, promoted to the rank of major.

**Gregg Matsumoto**, 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force, promoted to the rank of major.

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# They're everywhere, for everyone

# 75th ECES is the BEEF

By 1st Lt. Lucas Osborne  
75th Expeditionary Civil  
Engineer Squadron deputy  
commander

Here's to Prime BEEF.

Everyday you wake up and we are there.

We are in the walls of your tent, we are in the power as you flick on the light, we are the pavement under your tires, we are the cool air in the desert heat, we are the wooden bench under your seat as you puff a cigarette, we keep flies out of your food, we drive big tuff machines, we can blow anything up, and can put out the hottest fire – we are the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineers.

So when you see a CE troop at the end of a long day, all covered in dirt and grime, give him a pat, shake his hand and say, "thank you mister, your services are greatly appreciated."

The men of the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron have been working hard since they first set foot in Egypt Aug.

30. Before they could even begin their work as engineers, a small ADVON group accomplished a number of monumental tasks. They greeted the first Tanker Airlift Control Element aircraft on the ramp and helped them unload their plane. TALCE mistakenly loaded their forklift in the front of the aircraft. Then this lean machine off loaded the entire Harvest Falcon package – every asset and every vehicle.

After offload the team prepositioned all assets in preparation of the main body of engineers. These outstanding ADVON member were: 1st Lt. Scott Bole, SMSgt. Jeff Madigan, MSgt. William Dow, MSgt. Brian Naragon, TSgt. Ken Foster, TSgt. Chris Parker, SSgt.

Jason Foster, SSgt. Jesse Watson, A1C Marques Granderson and A1C Marlano Laughter.

The main body of engineers with the much appreciated help from the 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron erected the entire tent city five days ahead of schedule, ready for occupants. Did I mention hot showers were available on day two of camp?

Not only are these men the kings of Tent City, they are proud patriotic men that serve America the best way they know how – building things. After already working a grueling 12 hours, a day after the terrorist attacks on America, eight men worked

long into the night erecting a platform to display the most cherished symbol of freedom – our flag. The two 33-foot flagpoles are true engineering masterpieces; constructed of welded pipe, nuts, fittings, snap pulleys, and parachute chord. These men did this with conviction in their heart and a drive not seen in the common man, a truly important matter to these patriots. When the Red, White and Blue first towered over Camp Qui Web on the morning of Sept. 13 and salutes were held strong, no one thought about whom held up the flags. Madigan, Naragon, Dow, SSgt Ray Bedwell, TSgt. Slade Heeb, SSgt. Jeffery Tuning, MSgt. Karl Rogers and SrA. Matthew Leffler did, and they had a profound understanding of sacrifice and patriotism, deep in their hearts. Men like these are the foundation of freedom for which we fight. Their courage, selflessness and excellence are truly an example for us all.

We are the Civil Engineers, we are here to serve you!



Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski  
A1C Donnie Harris, 75th ECES Fire Department pulls out a firehouse during training at Cairo West.



Above left, TSgt. Kenneth Foster, 75th ECES, shuffles dirt around the pipes that will provide water to the 75th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron site and K-9 units. Above right, A1C Michael Kelly, 75th ECES, helps clear out a trench dug to bury water piping. By digging the trench now and providing piping throughout the camp, future BRIGHT STAR participants will enjoy even more comforts of home.



## Trans, fuels, contracting, finance

**75th ELGS** finds a way to fix it

By Capt. Dale Skinner  
75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron commander

As we near the end of Bright Star 01/02, I want to take this opportunity to thank the 42 fine individuals from transportation, fuels, contracting and finance that made up the 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron.

This has been a great chance for all of us to grow and learn. This was my first experience as a commander and I want you to know that you all have made it a pleasure.

I think back almost three months ago to the Mena House Hotel and remember the look from MSgt. Douglas Blount when he was challenged to transport 400 people from three different hotels to and from Qui Web – by the way you will use 35 host nation drivers who don't speak English.

Also there is SSgt. Eric Lyke, SSgt. Darris Spinks, A1C Daniel Wentz, A1C Carol Simmers, SSgt. Danny Tingler and many others who kept more than 73 rented vehicles and 45 WRM assets operational. I'll also remember the quick action taken by MSgt. Connie Dorr, TSgt. Derwin Hudson, SSgt. Matthew Sigstad, TSgt. Patrick Kirby and the rest of the POL team when they learned of the 11 no-notice mission aircraft needing immediate fuel that were routed through Qui Web shortly following the tragedy Sept. 11.

I had my first experience fueling a C-5 with a guided tour from A1C Robert Anderson and SrA. Matthew Boucher.

Thanks to A1C Jose Gutierrez who cashed more than \$120,000 in personnel checks and SSgt. Paul Keenan who made payments on more than \$400,000 of contract purchases with our contracting officers SSgt. Michael Billingslea, SSgt. Lowell Cook and MSgt. Scot Merrihew.

Finally I want to thank our LG customers who proudly served along side of us, it was your contributions fulfilling your duties that made our job possible. Thanks again for an incredible job – well done.



Photos by SrA. Chrissy Szczepanski  
A1C Daniel Wentz, 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron transportation, welds a 50-gallon drum to help fuel power generators



TSgt. Derwin Hudson, 75th ELGS prepares a fuel truck to fuel aircraft.



Above: A1C Nicholas Hartman, 75th ELGS, welds wheels on a cart to support an acetylene tank. Below, A1C Jose Gutierrez, 75th ELGS, cashes a check for Lt. Col. Robert Moriarty, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group vice commander.







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# U.S. steak houses to be overwhelmed upon airmen's return

By 2nd Lt. Kimberly Melchor  
9th Aerospace Expeditionary  
Task Force public affairs

Throughout this long journey called "Bright Star" I have often wondered what food concoctions I would eat if I were able to choose anything I could for my first meal home. The thought of what wondrous foods I would like to tear into once I finished my journey back home crossed my mind from time to time, and I knew others had experienced this as well.

I took this quest to find what people wanted to eat once they arrived back home – not to be confused with what they wanted to do once they got back home. I had to carefully word my question by saying, "If you had a choice to eat anything you wanted for your first meal back in the states, what would it be?"

There were mixed responses, people citing various hometown and franchise restaurants, special

dishes, home cooked meals, but the overwhelming response was steak, with Outback Steakhouse being the unanimous choice.

Often breaking into what seemed a serious conversation, I would approach with the light-hearted question of the first dish back home. The conversation would stop and all would immediately switch into a deep thinking mode, struggling to recall all the restaurants within a five-mile radius of their home or work. They would work to reconstruct every type of conceivable dish. What would that all-important choice be?

Somehow, such a small question would spark an almost endless conversation about every food item that came to mind from fast food and grease, to surf and turf.

MSgt. Bill Dow, 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, went into an animated description about his ideal trip to Big Z's Restaurant, a gruff truck stop type diner, where he could get an omelet six inches

off the plate with hot cheese spread poured over the top. Then the waitress would bring over a huge platter of bacon that would "bleed" grease onto the table as she slammed it down.

Some didn't have a particular dish in mind, but a restaurant. Cracker Barrel, Outback Steakhouse, the Waffle House and Golden Corral were all popular choices.

"I would order a 21-ounce Porterhouse steak, followed by a bourbon on the rocks," answered SrA James White, 75th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron.

Others insisted on having a home cooked meal, to some it didn't matter what it was, as long as it came from home. Collard greens seemed to pop up in many conversations, I think most of those responses came from Shaw AFB folks. Fried catfish and macaroni and cheese, another delicacy to be partaken by a fellow airman.

SSgt. James Wilson, 75th ECES, said he wanted a huge T-bone

steak, potatoes and frozen corn. He was very particular about making sure the corn was the kind bought in those bags found in the frozen food aisle.

Breakfast dishes consisting of waffles, bacon piled high, biscuits and gravy. "All-you-can-eat" restaurants were also a big hit.

Meals varied from good home cookin' to elegant meals served in fancy restaurants that teased the appetite throughout a series of courses. Everyone had well planned out meals, complete with the company they would share and the perfect ambiance.

"Grooper stuffed with crab at 'The Back Porch Restaurant' would be my first meal, and of course a round of golf to go along with," said Maj. Karen Jones, 75th EMEDS.

One common link that brought everyone together is that everyone wanted that good ole' American food – and the funny thing about that is that could be just about anything under the sun.

## Preparing for change upon redeployment

By Chaplain (Capt.) Gregory Jans  
75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group  
chaplain

Change is what reunions are all about. We all know that Bright Star – 01/02 hasn't been a typical deployment, reunions won't be typical either.

Many members of Team Qui Web have been so since before the Sept. 11 bombings in New York. The bombing changed the way we had to do business here, and for us heading home, it certainly has changed business in America. Life is different there. It's wise to be aware of the circumstances and the impact that it's had on your family, friends and will have on you. Listening will be invaluable. Open communication will be strengthening.

Homecoming, is a time to renew intimacy, to discover what changes have occurred in each person, to determine what directions one's

growth has taken, and to somehow "meld" all of this into a worthwhile ongoing relationship.

Homecoming brings joys to be shared. But separations are a strain on any relationship. Yet many families expect the long awaited homecoming to solve all of their problems. Will it? Of course not, but it's normal to build fantasies of what it will be like when your spouse returns. But fantasies are just that, fantasies. You will hear two themes in regards to the "Period of Adjustment." These themes are awareness and renegotiations.

Go carefully with sex. Your sexual relationship with your spouse may be awkward at first, perhaps quite different from what you had imagined. This is not at all unusual, as you both might be feeling tense. Talk about it. Do not feel you have to reestablish sexual intimacy immediately. This comes naturally for some couples, while others feel more comfortable getting to know one another again. Court your spouse again to get the feeling right. This process may

take a few hours or a few days. Whatever works best for your relationship should be your major concern.

Take it easy with the children in terms of discipline. For a while, stick with the rules your spouse has established during your absence. Immediately playing the "heavy" will not open up opportunities for you and the children to get to know one another again. It's not difficult to understand why some children are afraid of the returning parent if all they have to look forward to is a "changing of the guard." On the other hand, sometimes it is easy to spoil your children. If you haven't seen them for a large period of time, or you are home for short periods of time, you may find yourself not wanting to discipline them. You are probably eager to make up for the time you were unable to spend with them. This is certainly understandable, but do not put your spouse in the position of constantly playing the "heavy" while you have all the fun with the children.





# Edwards prepares to test military's new fighter

By Leigh Anne Bierstine  
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

**EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** — The competition is over but preparations to fully develop the Joint Strike Fighter are in full swing at the Air Force Flight Test Center here.

The government's selection of Lockheed Martin Corp., as the prime contractor Oct. 26 allowed the JSF to enter its next acquisition phase — system development and demonstration.

This phase will evolve the fighter, now known as the F-35, from a concept demonstrator to a combat-capable fighter aircraft.

Initial plans call for 14 test aircraft to be built, with seven going to Edwards and seven going to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., said Joe Dowden, the JSF Site and Integrated Test Force director at Edwards. Both sites will serve as principal testers for the JSF demonstration. Both will conduct testing on all of the JSF variants, including the Air Force, Navy and Marine versions, as well as the foreign version of the aircraft.

Lockheed Martin Corp.'s winning aircraft designs for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and United Kingdom will be developed



Courtesy photo

throughout the next 48 months.

The first JSF aircraft is set to arrive here for flight testing in late 2005, Dowden said.

With the 10-and-a-half year contract awarded, Dowden said he is starting to build up the integrated test force here while working closely with his counterparts at the JSF integrated test force in Patuxent River. Both will support a three-phased block approach to evolve the aircraft's mission capabilities.

Overall, the test program encompasses development and demonstration of more than 46

different weapon configurations and associated mission systems capabilities, Dowden said.

The test program also includes operational testing based here by Air Force and Navy operational testers beginning in 2010.

"Our developmental, demonstration test and evaluation challenge now is to improve our joint processes between Edwards and Patuxent River Naval Air Station so that we ensure seamless testing of the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and the United Kingdom variants on the West and East Coasts," Dowden said. "All this will be necessary to get the JSF aircraft to the warfighters on schedule, with the capabilities they will need for future defense of our national interests."

Future funding includes \$20 million planned for 2004 to support developmental testing with an additional \$10 million planned for 2008 to support operational testing, he said.

The Air Force will be the largest JSF customer, purchasing 1,763 of the conventional take-off and landing version of the aircraft. The Air Force version is designed primarily for air-to-ground combat to replace the F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II and to complement the F-22 Raptor.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)

## Briefs

### What stays, what goes

All government property is accounted for. Members should remember not to attempt to leave the area with any property or equipment that does not belong to them.

### Vehicle turn-in

Members who've signed for a vehicle must turn over the keys to the 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron transportation element prior to leaving and ensure it's signed off on their out-processing checklist.

### Legal claims

No more legal claims will be accepted at Cairo West. Claims must be filed at the member's home station upon their return.

### C-gear turn-in

All members out-processing need to go through RADS to ensure that any gear signed out, is returned before finishing outprocessing.

### In order to redeploy

In order to redeploy, members must ensure they have completed the out-processing checklist from PERSCO, breakdown their cots in their perspective tents with ends secured, remove trash and make shift furniture from tents and remove wooden doors and pallets from tents. Members who arrived commercially, for the most part, will be flying out through military air. Service members who flew in commercially need to make sure to take their passport to PERSCO, in the lodging tent, so they can get the member's passport stamped.

### AF Form 77s, decoration

For all 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group personnel submitting Air Force Form 77s our submitting members for decorations need to do so to the command section by Today. Authors are instructed to follow the format that has been advised. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jessica Joyner at Ext. 5701.

### Reflective belts, flashlights

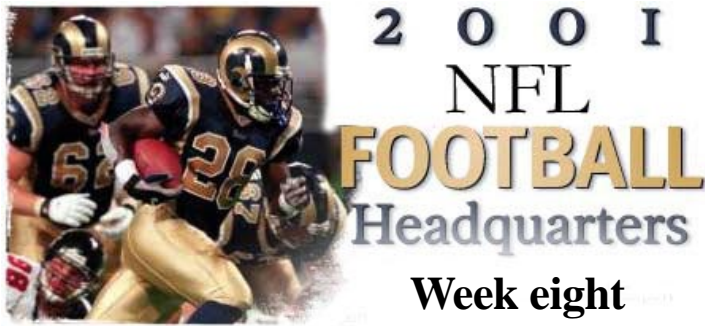
Nearing the end of Bright Star equipment and facilities are coming down left and right, at night and day. Members should remember to carry their flashlights and, or wear their reflective belts during hours of darkness to ensure safety. If members can't see people tearing down equipment or pallets on the ground, chances are, the people tearing down can't see them either. See, and be seen.

### Photo CD

The 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group Public Affairs Office is putting together a photo compact disc of all photos taken by the base photographer since Bright Star 01/02 kicked off. CDs will be finished and mailed out to all public affairs offices around the Air Force Jan. 1. Members wishing to have a copy will have to contact their unit's public affairs office to receive a copy. For more information, call SrA. Russ Martin at Ext. 5705.







# Top 25

## College Football As of Monday

Cleveland Browns	21	Detroit Lions	13	Virginia Tech (12)	7	Tulsa	0
Chicago Bears	27	San Francisco 49ers	21	Pittsburgh	38	Oklahoma (3)	58
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	20	Kansas City Chiefs	25	Illinois (21)	38	Missouri	24
Green Bay Packers	21	San Diego Chargers	20	Purdue (20)	13	Colorado (25)	38
Jacksonville Jaguars	24	Indianapolis Colts	30	Texas (5)	49	Florida St. (14)	41
Tennessee Titans	28	Buffalo Bills	14	Baylor	10	Clemson	27
Baltimore Ravens	13	Seattle Seahawks	14	Vanderbilt	13	Michigan (6)	24
Pittsburgh Steelers	10	Washington Redskins	27	Florida (4)	71	Michigan St.	26
Dallas Cowboys	24	Philadelphia Eagles	21	Troy St.	14	Stanford (10)	28
N.Y. Giants	27	Arizona Cardinals	7	Maryland (15)	47	Washington (11)	42
New England Patriots	24	N.Y. Jets	16	Wofford	14	UCLA (9)	14
Atlanta Falcons	10	New Orleans Saints	9	South Carolina (17)	38	Washington St. (16)	20
Carolina Panthers	6	Denver Broncos	4 a.m.	Texas A&M (24)	0	Nebraska (2)	51
Miami Dolphins	23	Oakland Raiders	Tues	Texas Tech	12	Kansas	7
				Tennessee (7)	28	Arizona St.	24
				Notre Dame	18	Oregon (8)	42
						North Carolina (22)	21
						Georgia Tech (23)	28
						Colorado St.	34
						Brigham Young (13)	56

The following is a list of games and schedules for week nine in the National Football League. All times are eastern standard time.

### Sunday

- 1 p.m. – Carolina Panthers at St. Louis Rams
- 1 p.m. – Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears
- 1 p.m. – New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills
- 1 p.m. – Cincinnati Bengals at Jacksonville Jaguars
- 1 p.m. – Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns
- 1 p.m. – Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Detroit Lions

## Week 9 Schedule

- 1 p.m. – Kansas City Chiefs at N.Y. Jets
- 2 p.m. – Miami Dolphins at Indianapolis Colts
- 1 p.m. – Dallas Cowboys at Atlanta Falcons
- 4:15 p.m. – New Orleans Saints at San Francisco 49ers
- 4:05 p.m. – San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos
- 5:15 p.m. – N.Y. Giants at Arizona Cardinals
- 4:15 p.m. – Minnesota Vikings at Philadelphia Eagles
- 8:30 p.m. – Oakland Raiders at Seattle Seahawks
- Monday
- 9 p.m. – Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Titans

## Desert delight - D'backs dethrone Yankees with ninth-inning comeback

PHOENIX (AP) — The final comeback belonged to the Arizona Diamondbacks, and it was the greatest of all.

Luis Gonzalez hit an RBI single to cap a two-run rally off Mariano Rivera in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Arizona stunned the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 7 of the World Series on Sunday night.

The Yankees were only two outs from their fourth straight World Series title when it all fell apart.

Tony Womack tied it with an RBI double and, after Craig Counsell was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Gonzalez blooped a soft single to center field.

Rivera, who had saved 23 straight postseason games, could do nothing but watch the ball fall in to end the Yankees' dynasty.

What began as a November duel between Curt Schilling and



Roger Clemens climaxed with the Diamondbacks winning the title in just their fourth year of existence. It was the fastest rise in history, breaking the mark of five years set by the 1997 Florida Marlins.

Randy Johnson, at 38, earned the victory in relief. He also won Game 6 on Saturday night, a 15-2 romp.

Johnson and many other Arizona old-timers such as Mark Grace, Matt Williams and Mike Morgan won their first championship ring.





# The Back Page

## Final Issue

*Editor's note: This is the final issue of the Rosetta Stone. For individuals wishing to have a copy of all Rosetta Stone publications, a compact disc will be made available to their home base public affairs office by January. As the redeployment draws to an end, folks can't wait to sleep in their own beds, eat food straight from the barbecue, drive their own cars without fear of it backfiring, take a shower where the only three people in there are you, yourself and you and the finally using the restroom and being able to flush. It's been a pleasure working with all of you and good luck to everyone in the future.*

SrA. Russ Martin  
Rosetta Stone, Editor

## 9-1 Dining Facility Menu

**Today** – Breakfast: Variety of previous meals.

Dinner: Variety of previously served meals.

**Tuesday** – Breakfast: Sausage and western omelet. Dinner: Variety of previously served meals.

**Wednesday** – Breakfast: Omelet, waffles and hash browns. Dinner: Variety of previously served meals.

**Thursday** – Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and creamed beef. Dinner: Variety of previously served meals.

**Friday** – Breakfast: Ham slices, eggs and potatoes. Dinner: The 75th ESS offers once again Barbecue steak night.

**Saturday** – Breakfast: Pork sausage, eggs and waffles with blueberry. Dinner: Barbecue steak.

**Saturday is the last hot meal served at the 9-1 Dining Facility.**

## Movies

Movies are shown nightly at 8 p.m. at the revetment. Friday is the last night movies will be shown on the big screen at the revetment.

**Today** – Space Cowboys

**Tuesday** – Bedazzled

**Wednesday** – Antitrust

**Thursday** – The Patriot

**Friday** – Charlie's Angles

## "Trick or treat"

1st Lt. Jessica Joyner, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group, judges Tent 36 during the Halloween Decorating Contest Wednesday.

After much deliberation, Joyner and the other contest judges narrowed the field down to three finalist, RADS, Tent 13 and Tent 36.

RADS receives first place in the contest by submitting a box, paying close attention to detail and using literally whatever they could find to portray the Halloween Spirit. Tent 36 finished second with a door decorating vehicle that included all fall-season holidays. Tent 13 was awarded third place for a very detailed painting of the Grim Reaper on their door.



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All weather temperatures are reported in degrees Fahrenheit

South Florida will be lashed by high winds and heavy rain through the first half of Monday as Hurricane Michelle powers through the Bahamas and then makes a break for the open Atlantic. Showers on the northern periphery of Michelle may dart across the remainder of the Sunshine State's peninsula, but true storminess should be confined south of a Bonita Beach-Jupiter Inlet line.

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**Last Commander's Call -- Thursday 8 p.m. in the MWR Revetment**